

Sinclair Broadcasting is forcing all of the television stations they own -- two stations in my viewing area -
- to air political propaganda attacking one of the candidates for President, just days before the national election. This is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. This blatant media attempt to sway an election is bad for democracy. (It would be just as bad if they were forcing all their stations to air Fahrenheit 9/11, for example.)

Sinclair, like other broadcasting companies, uses the public airwaves free of charge under federal license. Sinclair, like other broadcasting companies, is obligated by law to serve the public interest.

The proper role of the FCC is to serve the public interest by setting rules and licensing requirements for the use of the public airwaves. The ownership rules clearly need to more strongly limit monopoly ownership of broadcasters. The license renewal rules should put a company like Sinclair at risk of losing its broadcast license for violating its obligation to serve the public interest.

Thank you.